



GRADUATES OF SPELMAN SEMINARY, ATLANTA, GA. CLASS OF 1907

Spelman's Influence in Georgia Schools

Spelman graduates are to be found in nearly every southern state, in city schools, in mission schools, and in rural ungraded schools. Five graduates are now members of Spelman faculty, and many others have served their Alma Mater in other years.

A former state school commissioner of Georgia said that if he had in the public schools fifty teachers from Spelman's normal department he would revolutionize teaching in Georgia.

Spelman's graduates do not confine their teaching to books. One graduate says she has 110 pupils whom she is influencing to

"keep clean homes as well as to live pure lives." Another writes Miss Giles: "I am teaching at night, free of charge, a few children who are not able to attend the public school."

More than six thousand Negro women and girls have been under the influence of the teachers at Spelman. In 1907, 41 per cent of the students were under sixteen years of age, 52 per cent were between sixteen and twenty-five, and 7 per cent were over twenty-five. Nearly one half the students were residents of Atlanta, and the entire student body represented twenty-seven states, Costa Rica, and the Congo Free State.